

Leslie Berlowitz

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Dear Fellows and Staff,

It has been a great privilege to work at the American Academy, which is an extraordinary organization with an important mission. I have loved this job and put my heart and soul into the work. I am grateful to the many Fellows who have provided support, counsel, and countless hours of volunteer time. They are the Academy's greatest asset. In addition, I have valued working with the members of our governing boards and committees and with the dedicated staff.

During the past seventeen years, we have accomplished a great deal. The Academy has expanded its interdisciplinary policy studies in the sciences, social sciences, and the arts and humanities. It has continued making important contributions to energy policy and international security studies. We created the Visiting Scholars and Hellman Fellowship programs to support scholars in the early stages of their careers. We established a modern archive project to gather and protect our holdings for the first time in 233 years. The University Affiliates, which now includes 58 colleges and universities, supports young scholars and focuses on major challenges facing higher education. It has been an honor to be a part of all this, and I have been blessed along the way by the many Fellows and colleagues who have become a part of my life.

I have sent a letter to the Chair of the Board resigning effective July 31, 2013. I believe this decision is in the best interests of all concerned. Although I am tempted to provide a point-by-point response to the questions that have been raised in recent weeks, I believe there is only one fact of consequence that bears mentioning: I always acted in good faith and with the best interests of the Academy at heart. As I prepare to depart, it is gratifying to know that the organization we all value is thriving. The studies are nationally recognized, the membership more diverse, and the Academy's finances healthier than they have ever been. This is a record of which we can all feel proud. I will continue to support the Academy and its mission and will be available to help in any way I can.

I look forward to continuing my friendships with you.

Sincerely,

Leslie Berlowitz